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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - NORTH KOREA

11. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Friday morning included the results of two recent public opinion polls, both of which showed public dissatisfaction with DPJ President Ozawa's decision to stay on as party leader despite his top secretary's indictment on Tuesday for a violation of the Political Funds Control Law.

12. "Prepare Well and React Calmly" The liberal Asahi editorialized (3/27): "The Japanese government will issue an 'order to destruct a ballistic missile' today in response to North Korea's recent announcement to launch a 'satellite.' It is clear that the launch, if it actually occurs, will violate the UN Security Council resolution calling on North Korea to halt all activities related to a ballistic missile program... It is reasonable for the Japanese government to make preparations for any possible emergencies. It is necessary, though, for the government not to cause unnecessary anxiety among the Japanese people... It is true that North Korea's intention is unclear. However, it would be too extreme to claim that a missile will be aimed at Japan... The government should make preparations in a calm manner."

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